

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/665,694 filed on September 18, 2003. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-28 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 31-43 have been added. Claims 29 and 30 are rejected.

Restriction/Election of Claims

Original claims 1-30 were restricted into Groups I-V. Applicant affirms election without traverse of Group V, claims 29 and 30, drawn to a kit for a handloom, for further prosecution. Claims 31-43 depend ultimately from independent claim 29 and have been added to capture subject matter originally disclosed in the specification. Examination of claims 31-43 is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §102

Independent claim 29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gay (US 869,892) (hereafter "Gay"), and recites:

"a first warp beam, [and] a second warp beam, wherein the first and second warp beams include retaining members for retaining portions of warp thread in spaced apart substantially parallel relation between the first warp beam and the second warp beam, and the first and second warp beams are attachable to and removable from the loom while the warp thread is retained between the retaining members."

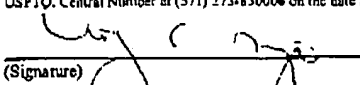
Gay does not disclose or suggest first and second warp beams that are attachable to and removable from the loom while the warp thread is retained between the retaining members. Claim 29 is distinguishable from Gay for at least this reason.

Claims 30-43 depend from claim 29 and include features that further distinguish them from the prior art. Allowance of claims 29-43 is respectfully requested.

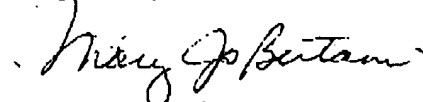
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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes Claims 29-43 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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